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I verily believe that we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the invention or discovery entitled **UTILITY KNIFE WITH QUICK RELEASE HOUSING**, which is described and claimed in the attached specification filed concurrently herewith;

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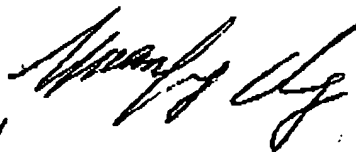
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